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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Third quarter unemployment rates for Delaware are significantly lower than the same period last year..... Nationally, the rate continues to improve over 1983.
- Delaware manufacturing production workers earn an average of $374.40.
- Work starts on Mellon National Corp's. new credit card operation center near Pike Creek Shopping Center.
- The DuPont Co. dedicates $85 million life sciences research complex.
- J. P. Morgan and Co. breaks ground on a 300,000 square-foot data processing and communications center near Stanton.
- The former Lore Elementary School in Wilmington will be developed into a 62-unit retirement complex.
- Union workers at Ametek Inc's. Haveg Division end six-week strike.
- Approval is granted for twin 18-story condominium apartments in place of Wilmington Medical Center's Memorial Division.
- The Dover Planning Commission approves plans for three new housing developments.
- Construction is underway for expansion of Kent General as well as the Milford Memorial Hospital.
- Third quarter Delaware unemployment claim counts are slightly above year-ago figures as a result of auto sector.
- Consumer prices in the Philadelphia area have risen 4.3 percent during the last 12 months.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JUL.	AUG.	SEP[1/]	JUL.	AUG.	SEP[1/]	JUL.	AUG.	SEP[1/]	JUL.	AUG.	SEP[1/]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1984	305.3	301.5	303.0	283.7	285.6	283.9	21.6	15.9	19.2	7.1	5.3	6.3
	1983	298.2	297.3	298.1	273.4	276.2	274.0	24.8	21.1	24.1	8.3	7.1	8.1
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1984	314.3	309.5	304.1	293.1	292.2	287.6	21.3	17.3	16.6	6.8	5.6	5.4
	1983	306.7	305.3	298.4	282.2	282.3	277.6	24.6	23.0	20.9	8.0	7.5	7.0
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1984	268.6	266.0	266.8	249.2	251.6	248.5	19.4	14.4	18.3	7.2	5.4	6.8
	1983	264.4	272.3	265.0	243.6	253.5	242.2	20.8	18.9	22.8	7.9	6.9	8.6
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1984	270.8	266.3	264.6	250.1	249.8	248.9	20.7	16.6	15.7	7.7	6.2	5.9
	1983	266.7	265.8	262.2	244.4	244.1	242.6	22.3	21.7	19.6	8.4	8.2	7.5
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	113,938.0	113,494.0	113,699.0	105,395.0	104,969.0	105,239.0	8,543.0	8,526.0	8,460.0	7.5	7.5	7.4
	1983	111,825.0	112,117.0	112,229.0	101,225.0	101,484.0	101,876.0	10,600.0	10,633.0	10,353.0	9.5	9.5	9.2
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	3,812.0	3,807.0	3,804.0	3,564.0	3,573.0	3,569.0	248.0	234.0	235.0	6.5	6.1	6.2
	1983	3,659.0	3,701.0	3,695.0	3,355.0	3,378.0	3,398.0	304.0	323.0	297.0	8.3	8.7	8.0
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	8,107.0	8,062.0	8,072.0	7,460.0	7,438.0	7,507.0	647.0	624.0	565.0	8.0	7.7	7.0
	1983	8,148.0	8,244.0	8,191.0	7,448.0	7,542.0	7,487.0	700.0	702.0	704.0	8.6	8.5	8.6
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	5,542.0	5,451.0	5,483.0	4,995.0	4,885.0	4,962.0	547.0	566.0	521.0	9.9	10.4	9.5
	1983	5,576.0	5,557.0	5,538.0	4,954.0	4,915.0	4,941.0	622.0	642.0	597.0	11.2	11.6	10.8
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1984	2,268.0	2,256.0	2,244.0	2,148.0	2,137.0	2,124.0	120.0	119.0	120.0	5.3	5.3	5.4
	1983	2,240.0	2,223.0	2,205.0	2,093.0	2,077.0	2,078.0	147.0	146.0	127.0	6.6	6.5	5.8

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

During the third quarter, Delaware's unemployment rates declined significantly from the year-ago figures. The seasonally adjusted rate registered 7.1 percent in July, declined to 5.3 percent in August, but rose in September to 6.3 percent. The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate showed a continuing decline throughout the quarter, at 6.8 percent in July, 5.6 percent in August, and 5.4 percent in September.

Nationally, the unemployment rate remained relatively stable during the third quarter, with a 7.5 percent rate for July and August, and 7.4 percent for September.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose in July and August, reaching a new high, before declining seasonally in September. Machinery and transportation equipment in the manufacturing sector was responsible for the significant August increase, with a recall in the auto industry after a temporary layoff for model changeover. Seasonal September declines occurred in real estate, services and local government. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, significantly higher each month than the year-ago quarter, continues to reflect the improving economy. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington SMSA, after declining seasonally in July, rose in August and September as a result of increases in the machinery and transportation equipment sector. As with Delaware, over-the-year gains were evident each month of the quarter in total nonagricultural employment.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware rose to $374.40 in September after declining in July and August. Fluctuations in machinery and transportation equipment weekly hours and hourly earnings resulting from the layoff and subsequent recall of workers and changes in overtime in the auto industry were responsible for the overall movement during the quarter. SMSA average weekly earnings, following the same trend as Delaware, ended the quarter at $437.44.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - The number of new housing units in Delaware was 1,311 in the second quarter according to the State Division of Housing and Community Development. This was up from 1,136 units in the first quarter of this year, but down six percent from the second quarter of 1983. For the first six months of 1984 the number of new units was up 15 percent from 1983 to 2,447 units..... Hechinger Co., a chain of do-it-yourself stores, is planning a $75 million expansion that will add 20 outlets in the east coast over the next two years. The company plans to locate in Delaware but has not released any information on location..... The Delaware Housing Authority will be issuing about $5 million in revenue bonds in December

to finance mortgages. Around the first of the year about 800 home buyers will be able to receive 30-year fixed-rate mortgages at or below a 12 percent interest rate..... The Delaware Crop Reporting Service forecasts the State's production of sweet corn bought for processing as 23,650 tons, up 29 percent from last year.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Delaware Park's fall racing meeting began September 1..... Summit Aviation Inc. has received a $1.6 million construction grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and is requesting $2.2 million more in federal funds. The money will be used for repairing and expanding the runway system..... The Wilmington Zoning Board approved an application for a $4 million renovation of the Mullin Building at Sixth and Market Streets. The developers, Historic Landmarks for Living, plan to build 42 apartments targeted at the young professional..... The Acme Supermarket on Maryland Avenue near Richardson Park closed in August with the store's employees being transferred to other stores.

Work has begun on a new site for Mellon National Corp's. credit card operation on ten acres near the Pike Creek Shopping Center. The company plans to build a 75,000 square-foot building and move its cardholder services and processing activity for all its banks and associated banks to Wilmington. About 250 will work at the new building when it opens next April..... The DuPont Company dedicated its $85 million life sciences research complex at the firm's Experimental Station near Wilmington. The complex consists of a new health sciences building and an addition to an existing structure for research in agricultural sciences.....

Weinberg's opened for business at the site formerly occupied by Kennard's Department Store in the Prices Corner Shopping Center. The store will employ about 40 persons according to the owners..... J.P. Morgan and Co. broke ground on a 300,000 square-foot data processing and communications center near Stanton that will act as a back-up for the bank holding company's New York operations. The company says it will spend more than $40 million on the complex which will take about two and a half years to complete. Morgan employs about 200 people in Delaware and the new center could employ 500 more.

The former Zallea Systems Inc. plant will be developed into several businesses following approval from the Wilmington Planning Commission..... Rosenbluth Travel will hire more than 100 reservation clerks and administrators and move into the Jefferson Plaza in Wilmington in January. Rosenbluth will use its new office exclusively to serve the DuPont Company corporate travel account. The travel agency will also open a retail travel agency in downtown Wilmington..... More than 100 employees of Graphics Services Corp. near Newark were laid off in late September. The printing company, formerly of New Jersey, started operations in Delaware during the summer.

The Limestone Medical Center will be built on Delaware 7 halfway between Stanton and the Kirkwood Highway. The center will house nearly 30 doctors and offer walk-in care. In addition, the center will have a laboratory and an x-ray suite..... Horizon Bancorp of Morristown, N.J. has filed an application to open a consumer bank in Christiana Mall..... The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded Wilmington $1 million to subsidize the cost of a 62-unit retirement complex. The project in the former Lore Elementary School at Fourth and Woodlawn Streets should be completed by late 1985.

Union workers at Ametek Inc's. Haveg Division ended a six-week strike at the plant which makes synthetic textiles. A new three-year contract was signed with provisions for deductables on the health plan and annual wage increases..... Approval was granted for a $35 million development of twin 18-story condominium apartment towers in place of the Memorial Division. Developer Edward DeSeta plans to demolish the hospital in January. The Memorial Division is being phased out by the new Christiana Division which will open in Stanton..... Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Delaware has selected a tentative site for a second health maintenance organization at the old Foulk Road Elementary School north of Wilmington..... Louis Capano and Sons Inc. has broken ground for an office complex and restaurant adjacent to Capano's current Concord Pike property.

KENT COUNTY - Luther's Bar-B-Que Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia, a chain of 62 restaurants, will open its first franchise restaurant in Delaware in September, employing approximately 80 people..... The Dover Planning Commission gave approval to three developments in Dover: Bay Tree, a development of 90 single family homes, 93 townhouses and 96 garden apartments along White Oak Road; Woodmill, a development of 75 single-family homes, off Delaware 8, south of Bicentennial Village; plans for Heatherfield, off Delaware 8, just west of Country Club Apartments, where 157 lots are zoned for townhouses and single-family homes.....

Construction of an addition to the Kent Convalescent Retirement Living Center is expected to be completed in January, 1985. The expansion will allow for 45 new beds. The center will be adding at least 25 to 30 people to its staff..... Mid-Delaware Employment Service has moved to its new location at 755 Walker Road in Dover. The new building will triple the office space to the firm..... Construction has begun on a $19.2 million expansion project at Kent General Hospital that will add 28 beds, a new maternity department and a special care unit. The construction of a new three-story building at the Dover faculty will take three years to complete..... Construction has begun on the Balley Run Townhouses at U.S. 113 and Delaware 14 in Milford. The project owner, Oakwood Properties of Dover, is planning for a total of 65 units.....

Construction is continuing on the $6.9 million addition to Milford Memorial Hospital. The addition, expected to be completed in the Spring of 1985, will contain a new emergency room, lobby and communication center, as well as a laboratory and new radiology department..... Robert R. Owens and John A. Wozniak opened O and W Associates Inc., a full lender service company, located at Treadway Towers in Dover. The company specializes in real estate appraisals, title searches and insurance and other financial lending functions..... International Playtex Inc. will relocate the accounting operations and the treasurer's office of its Max Factor and Co. Division to Dover.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Nanticoke Homes Inc., a Greenwood-based modular home manufacturer, received approval for $1 million in Sussex County Industrial Revenue Bonds. The money will be used for a new building and the expansion is expected to double the number of employees..... Construction is now underway on a third set of townhouses in Dewey Beach, which will be part of a complex of 24 townhouses fashioned after a New England fishing village. Developed by David Diebler, the complex

will eventually include a swimming pool, an inn with a restaurant and a marina..... The Delaware Department of Transportation is taking bids for the replacement of the Rehoboth Avenue canal bridge. A temporary bridge will be erected while the old bridge is torn down and replaced with a wider structure. The temporary bridge should be in place by January, 1985.

The Delaware National Bank is building a branch at Delaware 1 and Church Street in Rehoboth Beach. The full service bank, constructed by J.A. Moore and Sons of Seaford, is expected to be completed by January, 1985..... The Rehoboth Commissioners voted to extend the moratorium on new construction, which has been in effect since October, 1983..... Construction of a 62-unit motel and an eight-unit townhouse development is set to begin in Fenwick Island. The developers, Canal View Associates, are scheduling both projects to be completed by Spring, 1985..... Eight townhouses have been completed and ground has been broken for four more units in Bayberry Woods, on Delaware 26 in Bethany Beach. Owned and built by East Coast Construction Company, the subdivision will eventually have 52 units..... The Perdue Inc. plant in Georgetown has added 150 more employees..... Beebe Hospital in Lewes reduced its staff by 29 people as a result of increasing emphasis on outpatient service and the new Medicare reimbursement plan for hospitals which pays fixed costs for services based on diagnosis.

SURROUNDING AREAS - Sun Co. officials and members of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union reached agreement on a new contract ending the longest strike in the Marcus Hook refinery's history..... Penn Ship Co. of Chester, has received a five-year $21 million contract from the Navy to overhaul and maintain the frigate USS Patterson..... Denton, MD will receive a $500,000 federal grant to assist in the construction of a 90-acre industrial park..... Boring Vertol Co. expects to complete construction in one year on a $9 million office complex at its Ridley Township, PA. headquarters. Boring Vertol, the helicopter division of the Boring Co., will house about 800 administrative employees and engineers in the new building..... Perdue Inc. is building an $11 million plant in Salisbury, MD to refine oil it gets from crushing soybeans used for poultry feed into cooking-ready vegetable oil and hydrogenated solid..... David O. Clark is planning to build 130 townhouses on Trotters Lea off US 202 just north of the Delaware line.

AUTO INDUSTRY - Employment at the General Motors Boxwood Road plant increased by 200 when the plant reopened in August. The new workers transfered from a GM plant in Baltimore. The Wilmington plant had been closed since May 11 to modify the assembly line for production of mid-size models..... Chrysler Corp.'s Newark Assembly Plant established a production record of 262,175 passenger car for the 1984 model year surpassing the previous peak of 226,435 vehicles built in the 1977 model year..... The United Auto Workers, in September, struck 13 General Motors Corp. plants, including the Boxwood Road location. The week-long strike ended in anticipation of a new contract that provided for a $1 billion fund for retraining workers whose jobs are lost and a 2.25 percent wage increase the first year..... Chrysler Corp. reported that it earned $261.6 million in the third quarter in 1983. General Motors earned $416.8 million during the quarter, representing a 43 percent drop from a year ago. GM said production losses from strikes reduced net income by about $200 million.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the third quarter of 1984 were 73,252, with a benefit amount of $8,783,772 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the third quarter was $122, up slightly from the second-quarter figure of $115.

There were 4,946 claimants who received a first payment during the third quarter. This indicates a record-low for 1984.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $437,236 for 4,187 weeks of compensation, all of which represent the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program.

Continued claim counts, at 74,500 in the third quarter, showed a 2,600 increase over the previous quarter. This increase was due to 23,800 auto industry claims.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES, DELAWARE

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the numbers of job applicants available through the Division of Employment and Training as of September 30, 1984.

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	9,755	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	1,129	11.6
Clerical	1,662	17.0
Sales	392	4.0
Services	1,739	17.8
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	147	1.5
Processing	454	4.7
Machine Trades	508	5.2
Benchwork	338	3.5
Structural Trades	1,536	15.7
Transportation	496	5.1
Packaging, Material Handling	693	7.1
Miscellaneous and not assigned	661	6.8

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the new 24-hour hotline number (see page 8).

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

Philadelphia area consumer prices increased by 0.3 percent during September, slightly less than the 0.5 percent gains registered in both July and August as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. A drop in food and beverage

prices moderated increases in housing, apparel and medical care. As measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), area prices have risen 4.3 percent since September 1983. Nationally, the September index represented a monthly rise of 0.5 percent and an over-the-year increase of 4.2 percent.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

COST AND CHARACTERISTICS OF INJURIES AND ILLNESS IN DELAWARE

Marcilee A. Bierlein, Acting Secretary of the Delaware Department of Labor, has released the results of a 1983 study covering the factors associated with work-related accidents and exposures. The data, which was obtained from accident forms submitted by the employer to the Industrial Accident Board, indicate that $10.6 million was paid to disabled workers for the 4,400 cases closed and tabulated in calendar year 1983.

Further results from the study were: nearly 25% of the cases occurred in the manufacturing sector; about 27% of injuries or illnesses involved a worker employed less than one year; approximately one out of every four injuries involved the back; over 44% of all injuries were sprains or strains; female workers accounted for one out of every four injury or illness.

This study was prepared by the Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) section of the Delaware Department of Labor's Division of Industrial Affairs. Additional information may be obtained from the unit supervisor, Mrs. Alice S. Rhodes, at (302) 571-2889.

DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING 24-HOUR HOTLINE

A toll-free Hotline number has been installed for Delaware employers to find out how they can earn tax credits and training subsidies by hiring new employees.

The 24-hour Hotline number operated by the Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training is 1-800-231-5627 or 1-800-231-JOBS. Call for brochures explaining the programs.

These are federal programs designed to help people in the highest unemployment bracket. The Division has job pools of pre-screened qualified applicants that meet the eligibility criteria for the programs.

Employers may also file requests for employees who make the employers eligible for the Tax Credit and Training Subsidy Programs. Please call the Hotline number for additional information on these programs.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1984			1983			1984			1983		
	July	Aug.	Sept. 1/	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept. 1/	July	Aug.	Sept.
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	274.3	276.7	275.6	271.3	270.8	269.8	237.0	239.3	240.0	236.4	234.6	235.9
Manufacturing	66.3	68.9	69.3	68.3	69.1	69.0	57.0	59.3	60.2	60.5	60.4	60.1
Durable Goods	16.8	19.5	20.3	18.7	19.2	19.3	16.4	18.8	19.9	18.8	19.0	19.1
Primary Metals	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1
Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	7.7	10.5	11.2	10.2	10.3	10.5	8.0	10.5	11.5	10.3	10.4	10.6
Other Durable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.1	5.5	5.4	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	4.9
Nondurable Goods	49.4	49.5	48.9	49.7	49.9	49.6	40.5	40.6	40.3	41.6	41.4	41.1
Food & Kindred Products	9.5	9.8	9.3	8.8	8.9	8.8	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Apparel	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Printing & Publishing	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	29.6	29.3	29.3	30.8	30.8	30.6	31.4	31.2	31.1	32.3	32.3	31.9
Rubber & Plastics	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Nonmanufacturing	208.0	207.8	206.4	202.9	201.7	200.8	180.0	180.0	179.7	175.9	174.2	175.8
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	17.9	18.0	17.6	16.9	16.9	16.8	19.7	19.9	19.3	20.0	19.9	19.4
Trans. & Public Utilities	10.9	10.9	11.3	11.5	10.5	12.1	10.7	10.7	10.8	11.2	10.5	11.9
Trade	62.2	61.9	62.1	60.8	60.9	60.0	48.6	48.3	49.2	48.1	48.2	48.2
Wholesale	11.0	10.9	11.0	11.3	11.2	11.2	9.6	9.5	9.7	9.9	9.8	9.8
Retail	51.2	51.0	51.1	49.5	49.7	48.8	39.0	38.9	39.5	38.2	38.4	38.4
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	16.9	17.1	16.8	15.9	16.0	15.9	15.5	15.7	15.4	14.6	14.6	14.4
Services	56.2	56.0	55.7	54.0	53.8	53.8	50.3	50.1	49.6	47.9	47.5	47.2
Government	43.8	43.8	42.8	43.7	43.4	42.2	35.0	35.1	35.2	34.0	33.4	34.4
Federal	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
State & Local	38.2	38.4	37.4	38.1	37.9	36.7	30.5	30.7	30.8	29.6	29.1	30.1
State	19.5	19.7	20.9	19.2	19.1	20.2	12.4	12.5	13.8	11.7	11.6	12.8
Local	18.7	18.7	16.5	18.9	18.8	16.6	18.2	18.2	17.0	17.9	17.5	17.3
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1984

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	JULY	AUG.	SEP.
MANUFACTURING	$367.00	$363.41	$ 374.40	41.8	40.2	41.6	$ 8.78	$ 9.04	$ 9.00
DURABLE GOODS	372.78	369.89	394.54	40.3	37.4	40.8	9.25	9.89	9.67
Primary Metals	411.06	372.73	380.45	44.2	42.5	41.9	9.30	8.77	9.08
Fabricated Metals	304.58	310.83	320.58	38.8	39.0	39.0	7.85	7.97	8.22
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	407.03	395.30	429.95	39.1	35.2	40.6	10.41	11.23	10.59
NONDURABLE GOODS	363.80	359.12	358.70	42.7	42.2	42.2	8.52	8.51	8.50
Food & Kindred Products	287.96	272.45	259.06	46.0	44.3	42.4	6.26	6.15	6.11
Textile Mill Products	282.87	329.13	344.92	40.7	47.7	50.5	6.95	6.90	6.83
Apparel	188.64	198.45	196.35	36.0	37.8	36.7	5.24	5.25	5.35
Printing & Publishing	306.64	338.18	323.84	34.3	36.6	36.8	8.94	9.24	8.80
Chemicals & Allied Products	492.06	492.07	504.53	40.7	40.6	41.8	12.09	12.12	12.07
Rubber & Plastic Products	411.72	399.97	395.83	43.8	43.1	42.7	9.40	9.28	9.27
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$379.85	$368.12	$ 389.36	40.8	40.1	42.6	$ 9.31	$ 9.18	$ 9.14
DURABLE GOODS	428.08	413.92	444.77	41.4	40.7	44.7	10.34	10.17	9.95
Primary Metals	432.86	473.85	466.29	46.0	48.7	47.1	9.41	9.73	9.90
Fabricated Metals	313.18	305.33	284.53	38.1	37.1	36.2	8.22	8.23	7.86
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	481.97	463.45	512.77	41.3	40.3	47.0	11.67	11.50	10.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	344.97	335.86	346.83	40.3	39.7	40.9	8.56	8.46	8.48
Food & Kindred Products	238.32	230.87	238.76	40.6	39.6	40.4	5.87	5.83	5.91
Textile Mill Products	277.25	285.79	290.25	43.8	41.6	43.0	6.33	6.87	6.75
Apparel	179.82	177.51	175.41	36.4	36.6	37.4	4.94	4.85	4.69
Printing & Publishing	309.93	330.75	285.98	35.3	37.8	33.1	8.78	8.75	8.64
Chemicals & Allied Products	479.64	476.60	480.38	41.1	40.7	41.7	11.67	11.71	11.52
Rubber & Plastic Products	373.83	368.42	393.62	40.9	40.8	42.6	9.14	9.03	9.24

Covers an average 34,400 production workers

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1984

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.	July	Aug.	Sept.
MANUFACTURING	$426.36	$ 424.51	$ 437.44	40.8	39.6	41.9	$ 10.45	$ 10.72	$ 10.44
DURABLE GOODS	384.91	385.97	408.22	39.6	37.4	40.7	9.72	10.32	10.03
Primary Metals	412.88	374.45	383.20	44.3	42.6	42.0	9.32	8.79	9.10
Fabricated Metals	293.96	291.36	305.76	39.3	38.9	39.0	7.48	7.49	7.84
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	403.13	395.03	425.32	39.6	34.5	40.7	10.18	11.45	10.45
NONDURABLE GOODS	473.63	476.00	481.57	42.1	42.5	43.7	11.25	11.20	11.02
Food & Kindred Products	238.68	234.36	239.70	36.0	37.8	36.1	6.63	6.20	6.64
Textile Mill Products	286.96	330.56	342.88	42.2	48.9	51.1	6.80	6.76	6.71
Apparel	256.04	260.45	256.62	37.0	38.7	37.3	6.92	6.73	6.88
Printing & Publishing	353.89	389.98	376.25	34.9	37.0	37.7	10.14	10.54	9.98
Chemicals & Allied Products	633.86	622.89	623.84	45.7	45.4	46.8	13.87	13.72	13.33
Rubber & Plastic Products	333.21	335.16	343.26	38.7	39.2	40.1	8.61	8.55	8.56
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$436.32	$ 429.87	$ 450.68	40.4	40.1	42.8	$ 10.80	$ 10.72	$ 10.53
DURABLE GOODS	435.59	430.44	452.88	40.9	40.8	44.4	10.65	10.55	10.20
Primary Metals	428.29	466.10	385.44	44.8	48.3	43.8	9.56	9.65	8.80
Fabricated Metals	294.57	297.41	274.28	37.1	36.9	35.3	7.94	8.06	7.77
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	472.37	457.16	504.10	41.4	40.6	47.2	11.41	11.26	10.68
NONDURABLE GOODS	436.61	429.16	448.26	39.8	43.2	40.9	10.97	10.92	10.96
Food & Kindred Products	225.63	239.95	230.68	36.1	39.4	36.5	6.25	6.09	6.32
Textile Mill Products	281.45	308.25	307.71	43.3	42.4	43.4	6.50	7.27	7.09
Apparel	223.10	221.37	205.37	38.4	38.3	34.4	5.81	5.78	5.97
Printing & Publishing	354.29	377.42	347.55	36.3	38.2	35.5	9.76	9.88	9.79
Chemicals & Allied Products	518.70	500.78	543.82	39.9	38.7	41.8	13.00	12.94	13.01
Rubber & Plastic Products	331.43	320.44	333.23	38.9	38.7	40.1	8.52	8.28	8.31

Covers an average 24933 production workers

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
STATE TOTALS 1/	29,223	30,249	13,780	3,657,572	3,719,960	1,406,240	130	127	109
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	22,799	23,363	8,899	3,049,790	3,037,887	919,708	138	134	110
Wilmington L.O.	18,431	18,586	5,318	2,635,143	2,568,742	550,612	146	141	109
Newark L.O.	4,368	4,777	3,581	414,647	469,145	369,096	100	104	112
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	2,845	2,953	2,048	222,814	243,238	176,508	80	84	91
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	1,405	1,522	1,098	124,898	146,205	107,878	96	103	106

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
STATE TOTALS 1/	1,273	2,839	834	1,523	1,595	1,069	159,892	166,000	111,344
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	784	2,296	523	836	915	600	91,415	101,056	66,140
Wilmington L.O.	394	1,927	316	632	670	394	69,033	75,547	43,438
Newark L.O.	390	369	207	204	245	206	22,382	25,509	22,702
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	212	211	129	362	324	196	30,145	25,930	16,686
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	143	154	81	103	122	81	10,268	10,484	7,683

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1984			1983		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
TOTAL COUNT	7,100	4,400	3,400	6,000	5,700	4,500
Number of Auto Industry	3,000	300	0	0	300	0
Total Less Auto Industry	4,100	4,100	3,400	6,000	5,400	4,500
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
TOTAL COUNT	28,900	31,700	13,900	24,000	28,000	19,900
Number of Auto Industry	11,200	12,600	0	0	2,900	0
Total Less Auto Industry	17,700	19,100	13,900	24,000	25,100	19,900

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	19			19		
	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
All Items.....	301.4	302.9	303.9	288.3	289.9	291.4
Food & Beverages.....	300.7	301.8	297.8	292.5	293.6	293.6
Housing.....	311.9	312.8	315.3	297.3	296.4	297.6
Apparel & Upkeep.....	179.0	185.2	187.7	179.6	184.1	185.7
Transportation.....	321.1	323.1	324.0	303.8	308.6	310.3
Medical.....	401.9	405.3	407.8	382.9	385.3	385.6
Entertainment.....	242.0	241.7	240.4	234.7	233.7	234.3
Other Goods & Services.	320.5	320.5	329.3	291.5	298.3	308.3
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly.....	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.5
Yearly.....	4.5	4.5	4.2	2.6	3.1	3.0
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index.....	311.7	313.0	314.5	299.3	300.3	301.8
Mo. Change (%).....	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5
Yr. Change (%).....	4.1	4.2	4.2	2.4	2.6	2.9

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's unemployment rates for the fourth quarter are below year-ago figures..... Nationally, the rate shows substantial improvement over 1983.
- Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $419.00 per week.
- Delle Donne and Associates announce plans for a 24-story office building in Wilmington.
- MCorp, the second largest bank-holding company in Texas, will move its credit card operation to Delaware.
- ICI America's Inc. is considering a major expansion of its headquarters complex at the intersection of Delaware 141 and U.S. 202.
- Four Wilmington businesses will join in development of a $29 million 16-story office building at 10th and Tatnall Streets in Wilmington.
- Barclays American Corp. plans to open a financial operatio at Foulkstone Plaza across from Brandywine High School.
- Construction is underway on townshouse units in the Chatham Cove Development in Dover.
- Sussex County Council approves expansion plans of Sea Colony West near Bethany Beach.
- The U.S. auto industry ends 1984 with its best sales year since 1979.
- Fourth quarter unemployment continued claim counts in Delaware are below year-ago figures.
- Philadelphia area consumer prices rose 4.6 percent during 1984.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1984	306.0	309.7	310.9	286.6	291.1	291.2	19.4	18.6	19.7	6.3	6.0	6.3
	1983	298.9	303.8	317.5	275.5	282.9	297.2	23.3	20.8	20.4	7.8	6.8	6.4
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1984	306.9	308.6	309.3	289.8	290.2	290.9	17.1	18.4	18.3	5.6	5.9	5.9
	1983	299.1	300.0	296.5	278.6	279.3	276.1	20.5	20.7	20.4	6.8	6.9	6.9
WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1984	268.8	269.2	270.2	250.5	252.5	252.2	18.3	16.5	17.0	6.8	6.1	6.6
	1983	265.6	265.5	264.5	243.6	246.4	244.0	22.0	19.1	20.5	8.3	7.2	7.7
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1984	268.7	270.2	271.3	253.3	254.1	255.4	15.4	16.1	16.0	5.7	5.9	5.9
	1983	264.8	266.5	265.2	246.4	248.0	247.1	18.5	18.6	18.2	7.0	7.0	6.9
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	114016.0	114074.0	114464.0	105649.0	105932.0	106273.0	8367.0	8142.0	8191.0	7.3	7.1	7.2
	1983	111866.0	112035.0	112237.0	101970.0	102606.0	103029.0	9896.0	9429.0	9208.0	8.8	8.4	8.2
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	3788.0	3771.0	3747.0	3560.0	3510.0	3534.0	228.0	213.0	213.0	6.0	5.7	5.7
	1983	3661.0	3685.0	3762.0	3405.0	3428.0	3503.0	256.0	257.0	259.0	7.0	7.0	6.9
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	8203.0	8252.0	8306.0	7589.0	7667.0	7728.0	614.0	585.0	578.0	7.5	7.1	7.0
	1983	8098.0	8098.0	8056.0	7448.0	7476.0	7455.0	650.0	622.0	601.0	8.0	7.7	7.5
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1984	5486.0	5503.0	5534.0	4995.0	5026.0	5127.0	491.0	477.0	407.0	9.0	8.7	7.4
	1983	5532.0	5554.0	5519.0	4960.0	4969.0	4943.0	572.0	585.0	576.0	10.3	10.5	10.4
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1984	2279.0	2296.0	2294.0	2156.0	2170.0	2173.0	124.0	126.0	121.0	5.4	5.5	5.3
	1983	2216.0	2221.0	2218.0	2086.0	2094.0	2090.0	130.0	127.0	128.0	5.9	5.7	5.7

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware fourth quarter unemployment rates were down from year-ago figures. The seasonally adjusted rate was 6.3 percent in October, declined to 6.0 percent in November, and returned to 6.3 percent in December. The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate was about one percent lower than year-ago figures, with the October rate at 5.6 percent and November and December both at 5.9 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rate was significantly lower than last year; registering 7.3 percent in October, 7.1 percent in November and 7.2 percent in December.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose through November, setting a new high before declining slightly in December. Seasonal increases in schools and school bus companies, along with general business gains in services, were primarily responsible for the October increase. The November gain resulted from seasonal gains in retail trade due to the holiday shopping season and additional seasonal increases in schools and general business gains in services. Chemicals and allied products accounted for the December decline. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, reflecting the growing economy, was substantially higher each month over the year-ago quarter. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington SMSA, rising throughout the quarter, posted significant over-the-year gains each month of the quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware rose throughout the quarter, reaching a new high of $419.00 in December. Machinery and transportation equipment was responsible for the increase resulting from significant overtime worked at premium pay in the auto industry. SMSA average weekly earnings also increased throughout the quarter, reaching a high of $525.67 in December.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Delle Donne and Associates, a Wilmington real estate development firm, will break ground this spring for an office building in the block bounded by Delaware Avenue, 11th Street and Adams Street. The new building will be 24 stories high, making it the tallest in Wilmington..... The Linen Mart on Market Street Mall has closed. The 50-year-old store, one of the oldest in Wilmington, employed 24 individuals..... Blood Bank of Delaware is building a new headquarters on Delaware 4 near Stanton. The $1.6 million 22,000 square-foot building will be across the road from the Medical Center of Delaware's new

$140 million Christiana Hospital..... Construction has started on the Delaware Theater Company on the Christina River waterfront. Older buildings facing the river will be renovated as part of the project, which is expected to be completed in June 1985..... Transamerica Occidental Life has converted its Wilmington office to a regional branch that will serve the Delaware Valley. The office has moved from the Rollins Building to expanded facilities in the Foulk Road Office Plaza. The company, with a staff of 40, expects to have 75 to 100 employees in the next few years..... The YMCA of Delaware has agreed to sell its 23-acre property at Harvey Road and Interstate 95 to Baldini Inc., a Wilmington homebuilder. The land, formerly a camp, became available when the YMCA signed a lease at a 90-acre site off Marsh, Naamans and Darley Roads..... Citibank (Delaware) is planning a $12 million expansion of its existing headquarters in New Castle Corporate Commons on Basin Road. The project would more than double the size of Citibank's Delaware operations..... MCorp, the second largest bank-holding company in Texas, will move its credit card operation to Delaware. The firm will start with about 200 employees at a temporary site in Wilmington..... Louis Capano and Sons Inc. plans to develop 25 acres of the Brandywine Country Club on Concord Pike as a strip shopping center..... ICI America's Inc. is considering a major expansion of its headquarters complex at the intersection of Delaware 141 and U.S. 202. The plans call for a 180,000 square-foot addition to its existing 420,000 square feet of office space and a 60,000 square-foot addition to its 20,000 square feet of laboratory space. Other improvements include an 8,000 square-foot cafeteria and a 700-car parking garage..... Four Wilmington businesses will join in development of a $29 million 16-story office building at 10th and Tatnall Streets in Wilmington. The owners of the 400,000 square-foot office building will be Ernest DiSabatino & Sons, Inc., Bellvue Holding Co., Colonial Parking Inc. and the Bank of Delaware. The building will have six levels of parking for 550 cars and 8,000 square feet of retail space..... A luxury housing development is being planned on Montchanin Road just north of Guyencourt, northwest of Wilmington. According to Richard Longo of Hillcrest Associates, the project developer, plans call for the construction of five groups of houses with three houses in a group on the hilly 40-acre tract. The houses are scheduled to cost between $300,000 and $400,000 each..... Barclays American Corporation, a subsidiary of Barclays Bank International plans to open a major financial operation at Foulkstone Plaza across from Brandywine High School in early 1985..... Luken's Development Corp. of Coatesville, PA is planning to break ground this spring on an industrial park near the Delaware Memorial Bridge. The company initially will develop 50 of the 525 acres. Riveredge Park will begin with an office and warehouse building of 60,000 square feet.

KENT COUNTY - A Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant is being build in Smyrna at North Street and U.S. 13. The 65-seat restaurant will cost about $500,000 and employ about 25 persons..... Del-Homes Inc. has announced that construction has begun on townhouse units in the Chatham Cove Development in Dover. When completed next year, the development will have a total of 52 units..... Construction has started on a supermarket and an 18-store shopping center to be called Greentree Village Center. The site, in West Dover, is at the corner of Del. 8 and Independence Boulevard..... The Dover Planning Commission has approved an application for a Ponderosa Steak House to be constructed on U.S. 13 near Dover Downs..... Construction on an apartment-condominium complex in the area of East Lake Gardens, near the K-Mart Shopping Center, will begin this spring. The complex, Debera Estates, will consist of three separate buildings,

each containing six apartments..... Cabbell Corp., of Denton, MD, will be renovating a former schoolhouse in Dover. The building, constructed in 1883, was a school until the 1930's when it was previously converted into the Kent Apartments. The building was closed several years ago for failing to meet building codes. Cabbell plans to put 28 apartments in the building..... Eight downtown office buildings are planned on a one-acre lot that borders South Queen and North Streets in Dover. The two-story buildings, each containing 1,400 square feet, will be built by Atlantic Construction Co. of Sussex County.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Approval was granted by Sussex County council for the expansion of Sea Colony West development by 824 townhouses to be built on 99 acres south of Bethany Beach..... Construction has begun on a 32-unit townhouse-condominium development on Del. 1, south of the Indian River Inlet. According to plans by the developing firm, Indian Harbor Inc., 22 of the townhouses will overlook the ocean and the Delaware Bay and construction should be completed by June, 1985..... The Patt Organization, a Pennsylvania development firm, has started work on a $1.43 million apartment complex in Seaford. The complex, Seaford Terrace, will have five two-story buildings containing a total of 40 apartments and is expected to be completed in April..... The Georgetown Division of Thermal American Fused Quartz Co. is planning a 9,000 square-foot addition that is expected to create 16 jobs..... John Hanson Savings and Loan Association, with assets of $464 million, has merged with the Milton Building and Loan Association, with assets of $77,000. Hanson will open its first Delaware branch in Midway Shopping Center off Del. 1..... Diamond State Telephone Co. will be closing its Georgetown Residence Service Center in the spring and relocating 19 employees to Dover..... Specialty Chemicals Inc., a Johnson Wax subsidiary, has broke ground on a $2 million 20,000 square-foot building in the Seaford Industrial Park.

SURROUNDING AREAS - A Pennsylvania firm is planning to build a retail and office complex at the U.S. 202 and U.S. 1 intersection in Chadds Ford, PA. The Henderson Group has a contract on 38.5 acres and are planning to build several fast-food restaurants, a supermarket and retail specialty shops. In addition to the retail space, Henderson plans to build 60,000 square feet of one-story office space with parking for 250 cars..... Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Co. in Chester has started work on the USNS Southern Cross, a cargo ship. The $1,850,000 contract has stabilized the company's work force preventing some layoffs.

AUTO INDUSTRY - General Motors announced it would form a new corporation to develop, manufacture and market a new line of subcompact cars. The new unit, Saturn Corp., will have initial capitalization of $150 million and will operate as GM's sixth division..... The U.S. auto industry ended 1984 on a flat note, despite reporting its best sales year since 1979. Sales for domestic makers fell 2% in the final 10 days of December as compared to year-ago figures. For the entire year, car sales totaled 10,358,116 units. Domestic cars represented 77% of the total, or 7,951,517 units. In 1979 U.S. makers sold 8,322,750 units.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regualr UI benefits compensated during the fourth quarter of 1984 were with a benefit amount of $4,689,398 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during the fourth quarter was $111, declining from the third quarter.

There were 3,269 claimants who received a first payment during the fourth quarter, which indicates a continuing decline in unemployment claimants.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $367,107 for 3,363 weeks of compensation, all of which represented the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program.

Continued claim counts, at 50,000 in the fourth quarter, showed a substantial decline over the previous quarter.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES, DELAWARE

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the numbers of job applicants available through the Division of Employment and Training as of December 31, 1984.

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	11,769	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	1,139	9.7
Clerical	1,909	16.2
Sales	432	3.7
Services	2,737	23.3
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	246	2.1
Processing	546	4.6
Machine Trades	592	5.0
Benchwork	419	3.6
Structural Trades	1,816	15.4
Transportation	526	4.5
Packaging, Material Handling	688	5.4
Miscellaneous and not assigned	769	6.5

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the new 24-hour hotline number 1-800-231-5627.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers dropped 0.3 percent in December after a 0.8 percent increase in November. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics higher prices for transportation, medical and entertain-

ment were offset by lower charges for food, housing and apparel. For the year of 1984 area prices rose 4.6 percent as the index reached 305.1. Nationally, the index was 305.1 for an over-the-year gain of 4.0 percent.

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information (OOLMI) announces the release of the following publication:

> Annual Planning Report, State of Delaware, Fiscal Year 1985 - This report is designed to provide a wide range of data users with historical, current and projected labor market information. Included is information on population, employment, unemployment and occupational data to assist planners in identifying those in need of employment-related services.

A copy may be obtained, at no charge, by contacting Edward Simon at (302) 368-6964.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1984			1983			1984			1983		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.1/	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.1/	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	277.2	278.7	278.5	270.6	272.4	270.8	242.3	244.0	244.1	238.0	239.3	237.9
Manufacturing	69.8	69.8	69.2	68.8	68.8	67.5	60.6	60.4	59.9	59.9	59.9	59.0
Durable Goods	20.5	20.7	20.7	19.4	19.3	19.4	20.0	20.1	20.1	19.1	18.8	18.9
Primary Metals	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	11.4	11.5	11.6	10.5	10.5	10.4	11.7	11.7	11.9	10.7	10.7	10.6
Other Durable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.6	4.7
Nondurable Goods	49.3	49.1	48.6	49.4	49.5	48.2	40.5	40.4	39.8	40.9	41.0	40.2
Food & Kindred Products	9.4	9.4	9.3	8.9	8.9	8.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Apparel	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Printing & Publishing	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	29.5	29.4	28.9	30.2	30.3	29.4	31.3	31.2	30.6	31.7	31.9	31.0
Rubber & Plastics	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.9
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.6	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	207.4	208.9	209.3	201.9	203.6	203.3	181.7	183.5	184.2	178.0	179.4	178.9
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	17.4	17.2	16.7	16.9	17.3	16.3	18.8	18.7	18.8	19.6	19.5	18.5
Trans. & Public Utilities	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.4	12.4	12.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	12.1	12.0	11.9
Trade	60.7	61.8	62.7	59.1	59.9	60.6	49.1	50.4	51.3	48.5	49.7	50.4
Wholesale	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.1	11.3	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8
Retail	49.7	50.7	51.5	47.8	48.8	49.4	39.5	40.7	41.5	38.7	40.0	40.6
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	16.8	16.9	16.9	15.8	15.9	16.0	15.4	15.5	15.5	14.5	14.6	14.6
Services	56.6	56.6	56.3	54.0	54.0	54.0	50.3	50.6	50.3	47.8	47.8	48.0
Government	43.8	44.5	44.6	43.5	44.0	43.9	36.4	36.7	36.8	35.5	35.6	35.2
Federal	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
State & Local	38.5	39.2	39.3	38.1	38.6	38.4	32.0	32.3	32.4	31.2	31.3	30.9
State	21.6	21.7	21.6	21.1	21.2	21.0	14.5	14.6	14.5	13.6	13.6	13.5
Local	16.9	17.5	17.7	17.0	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.8	17.9	17.6	17.7	17.4
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Preliminary.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1984

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC. 1/	OCT.	NOV.	DEC. 1/	OCT.	NOV.	DEC. 1/
MANUFACTURING	$389.90	$410.35	$419.00	41.7	42.7	43.6	$ 9.35	$ 9.61	$ 9.61
DURABLE GOODS	444.53	487.74	499.49	43.2	46.1	46.9	10.29	10.58	10.65
Primary Metals	351.14	372.75	395.66	40.5	42.6	43.1	8.67	8.75	9.18
Fabricated Metals	324.80	346.52	362.50	40.0	41.8	42.2	8.12	8.29	8.59
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	512.90	579.46	591.32	44.6	49.4	49.9	11.50	11.73	11.85
NONDURABLE GOODS	347.94	348.33	354.19	40.6	39.9	40.9	8.57	8.73	8.66
Food & Kindred Products	236.59	229.80	247.95	40.1	38.3	39.8	5.90	6.00	6.23
Textile Mill Products	316.45	362.27	358.18	46.4	49.9	48.6	6.82	7.26	7.37
Apparel	192.99	184.88	189.50	36.9	37.2	37.6	5.23	4.97	5.04
Printing & Publishing	307.48	331.45	327.49	35.1	37.2	37.3	8.76	8.91	8.78
Chemicals & Allied Products	501.74	508.71	499.66	41.5	41.8	41.5	12.09	12.17	12.04
Rubber & Plastic Products	411.78	438.67	446.50	43.9	44.9	47.0	9.38	9.77	9.50
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 364.18	$ 354.11	$ 386.74	40.6	38.7	41.9	$ 8.99	$ 9.15	$ 9.23
DURABLE GOODS	400.41	365.81	427.61	40.9	37.1	43.5	9.79	9.86	9.83
Primary Metals	413.76	410.06	421.26	44.3	41.8	45.2	9.34	9.81	9.32
Fabricated Metals	286.07	296.83	312.76	37.2	38.7	38.9	7.69	7.67	8.04
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	450.02	387.32	488.51	40.8	34.8	44.9	11.03	11.13	10.88
NONDURABLE GOODS	338.12	345.46	355.72	40.3	39.8	40.7	8.39	8.68	8.74
Food & Kindred Products	196.32	220.92	227.24	35.5	37.7	38.0	5.53	5.86	5.98
Textile Mill Products	284.54	306.44	380.56	41.6	43.1	53.6	6.84	7.11	7.10
Apparel	180.21	172.61	175.48	37.7	37.2	37.1	4.78	4.64	4.73
Printing & Publishing	312.21	320.28	327.95	35.6	34.7	35.0	8.77	9.23	9.37
Chemicals & Allied Products	485.90	510.18	500.87	43.0	42.6	42.7	11.30	11.92	11.73
Rubber & Plastic Products	397.01	394.25	424.84	43.2	42.9	44.3	9.19	9.19	9.59

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WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1984

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC. 1/	OCT.	NOV.	DEC. 1/	OCT.	NOV.	DEC. 1/
MANUFACTURING	$468.04	$515.00	$525.67	42.9	45.9	47.4	$ 10.91	$11.22	$11.09
DURABLE GOODS	462.03	510.40	522.32	42.9	46.4	47.7	10.77	11.00	10.95
Primary Metals	352.81	374.48	397.44	40.6	42.7	43.2	8.69	8.77	9.20
Fabricated Metals	295.68	320.26	331.64	38.5	41.7	41.3	7.68	7.68	8.03
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	507.79	577.84	595.19	44.7	49.6	50.1	11.36	11.65	11.88
NONDURABLE GOODS	477.05	522.76	530.63	42.9	45.3	47.0	11.12	11.54	11.29
Food & Kindred Products	224.85	211.24	240.66	37.6	32.7	33.8	5.98	6.46	7.12
Textile Mill Products	315.57	362.30	358.90	47.1	50.6	49.3	6.70	7.16	7.28
Apparel	231.77	222.16	223.74	38.5	37.4	36.8	6.02	5.94	6.08
Printing & Publishing	357.78	395.14	381.65	35.6	38.4	37.9	10.05	10.29	10.07
Chemicals & Allied Products	638.00	725.42	735.00	46.4	50.8	52.5	13.75	14.28	14.00
Rubber & Plastic Products	357.28	393.02	409.33	41.4	43.0	46.2	8.63	9.14	8.86
1983									
MANUFACTURING	$ 430.68	$ 414.46	$ 454.74	40.9	39.1	42.9	$ 10.53	$ 10.60	$ 10.60
DURABLE GOODS	415.54	383.53	444.69	40.9	37.2	43.3	10.16	10.31	10.27
Primary Metals	392.49	409.53	425.92	44.5	43.8	46.6	8.82	9.35	9.14
Fabricated Metals	285.43	289.91	304.14	36.5	37.7	37.0	7.82	7.69	8.22
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	438.19	385.05	486.00	41.3	35.1	45.0	10.61	10.97	10.80
NONDURABLE GOODS	447.58	451.26	464.88	40.8	41.4	42.3	10.97	10.90	10.99
Food & Kindred Products	213.21	208.94	211.67	35.3	36.4	41.1	6.04	5.74	5.15
Textile Mill Products	291.33	320.01	382.79	41.5	45.2	55.8	7.02	7.08	6.86
Apparel	210.02	215.12	208.69	34.6	36.4	34.1	6.07	5.91	6.12
Printing & Publishing	362.48	381.01	385.11	36.8	36.6	36.4	9.85	10.41	10.58
Chemicals & Allied Products	541.22	546.07	555.50	41.6	42.2	42.6	13.01	12.94	13.04
Rubber & Plastic Products	335.34	342.35	384.54	40.5	41.0	43.5	8.28	8.35	8.84

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NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
STATE TOTALS 1/	13,640	14,959	16,262	1,450,992	1,566,591	1,671,815	113	111	108
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	8,337	8,328	8,657	923,028	936,868	955,649	116	118	116
Wilmington L.O.	5,305	5,253	5,447	580,611	583,377	595,680	114	117	114
Newark L.O.	3,032	3,075	3,210	342,417	353,491	359,969	119	120	118
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	1,983	2,420	2,590	175,555	223,324	230,663	94	96	93
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	1,336	2,040	2,573	117,528	152,661	204,493	100	85	84

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
STATE TOTALS 1/	947	1,197	1,125	1,136	1,120	1,107	121,672	123,406	122,029
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	524	605	583	676	757	707	78,398	87,305	80,322
Wilmington L.O.	311	399	346	431	479	505	48,841	54,538	56,091
Newark L.O.	213	206	237	245	278	202	29,557	32,767	24,231
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	143	213	191	221	191	160	19,094	17,798	16,326
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	150	232	214	73	71	95	6,782	6,301	8,626

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1984			1983		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
TOTAL COUNT	3,100	3,500	4,000	4,700	6,200	5,300
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	0	1,500	0
Total Less Auto Industry	3,100	3,500	4,000	4,700	4,700	5,300
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
TOTAL COUNT	14,700	17,800	17,500	18,300	22,400	22,400
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	0	1,800	200
Total Less Auto Industry	14,700	17,800	17,500	18,300	20,700	22,200

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1984			1983		
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
All Items.....	303.7	306.0	305.1	291.2	291.7	291.8
Food & Beverages.....	297.6	296.9	296.7	293.0	291.5	292.0
Housing.....	315.3	319.6	316.5	295.0	296.4	298.3
Apparel & Upkeep.....	188.5	186.4	185.1	187.4	185.2	179.8
Transportation.....	322.7	324.8	325.6	312.5	313.7	312.8
Medical.....	409.0	424.3	426.3	387.8	387.0	387.6
Entertainment.....	239.8	240.2	242.3	236.2	239.6	239.1
Other Goods & Services.	329.5	329.8	330.0	311.5	312.1	312.4
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly.....	-0.1	0.8	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Yearly.....	4.3	4.9	4.6	3.3	3.1	3.6
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index.....	315.3	315.3	315.5	302.6	303.1	303.5
Mo. Change (%).....	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Yr. Change (%).....	4.2	4.0	4.0	2.9	3.2	3.8

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware unemployment rates during the first quarter show continued improvement...Nationally, the rates are below 1984 first-quarter results.
- Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $410.31 per week.
- Nonagricultural employment registers significant gains over year-ago figures.
- The DuPont Company trims its U.S. workforce by 11,500 employees with an early retirement incentive program.
- Atlantic Richfield Company plans to leave the retail gasoline market east of the Mississippi.
- A 28-story office building is planned for a site near Wilmington's Rodney Square.
- The former Memorial Hospital in Wilmington was demolished paving the way for a $40 million condominum project.
- Metal Masters Food Service Company, a food service equipment manufacturer, is planning an expansion.
- Construction is underway on Greentree Village Shopping Center northwest of Dover.
- Work on the Gull Point townhouse project on Indian River is in the second phase.
- First quarter unemployment continued claim counts in Delaware are below year-ago figures.
- Philadelphia area consumer prices have risen 4.6 percent during the past twelve months.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JAN.	FEB.	MAR[1/]	JAN.	FEB.	MAR[1/]	JAN.	FEB.	MAR[1/]	JAN.	FEB.	MAR[1/]
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1985	318.4	316.1	314.3	298.4	297.4	295.7	20.0	18.7	18.6	6.3	5.9	5.9
	1984	302.3	300.9	303.2	282.3	282.7	282.8	20.0	18.2	20.4	6.6	6.1	6.7
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1985	308.8	309.1	308.1	285.8	286.2	289.5	23.0	22.9	18.7	7.5	7.4	6.1
	1984	293.4	294.3	297.3	270.4	272.0	276.8	23.0	22.3	20.4	7.9	7.6	6.9
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1985	272.6	273.6	272.6	253.0	253.4	255.5	19.6	20.3	17.1	7.2	7.4	6.3
	1984	260.2	261.7	264.4	240.1	242.2	245.7	20.0	19.4	18.7	7.7	7.4	7.1
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1985	114875.0	115084.0	115514.0	106391.0	106685.0	107119.0	8484.0	8399.0	8395.0	7.4	7.3	7.3
	1984	112320.0	112724.0	112906.0	103294.0	103888.0	104123.0	9026.0	8836.0	8783.0	8.0	7.8	7.8
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ. [2/]	1985	3818.0	3869.0	3864.0	3583.0	3627.0	3633.0	234.0	242.0	231.0	6.1	6.3	6.0
	1984	3810.0	3832.0	3847.0	3541.0	3588.0	3587.0	269.0	244.0	260.0	7.1	6.4	6.8
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1985	8242.0	8125.0	8111.0	7713.0	7607.0	7576.0	529.0	518.0	535.0	6.4	6.4	6.6
	1984	7939.0	8021.0	8045.0	7347.0	7431.0	7481.0	592.0	590.0	564.0	7.5	7.4	7.0
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/]	1985	5500.0	5470.0	5557.0	5074.0	5023.0	5116.0	426.0	447.0	441.0	7.7	8.2	7.9
	1984	5464.0	5426.0	5414.0	4966.0	4892.0	4923.0	498.0	534.0	491.0	9.1	9.8	9.1
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1985	2257.3	2241.1	2249.9	2119.6	2111.7	2135.6	137.7	129.4	114.3	6.1	5.8	5.1
	1984	2180.4	2183.5	2202.4	2038.1	2048.0	2073.7	142.3	135.4	128.7	6.5	5.2	5.8

1/ PRELIMINARY

2/ U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to bench revision.

LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware unemployment rates during the first quarter were below year-ago figures. The seasonally adjusted rate was 6.3 percent in January, but declined to 5.9 for both February and March. The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates were also below 1984 figures with the January rate at 7.5 percent, February at 7.4 percent, and March was 6.1 percent. The number of persons in Delaware's labor force averaged 316,000 during the first quarter, representing a rise of 4.7 percent over the same period last year.

Nationally, the unemployment rate was significantly lower than last year, with 7.4 percent posted for January and rates of 7.3 percent for both February and March.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nonagricultural wage and salary employment, after declining seasonally in January, registered a gain in March. Seasonal January losses and March gains were noted in contract construction, retail trade, services and state government. Indicative of the growing economy, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was substantially higher each month over the year-ago 1st quarter. The major growth sectors were retail trade, finance, insurance and real estate and services. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington PSMA, following the same quarterly movement as the state, posted significant over-the-year gains each month of the quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware rose to $410.31 in March after declining during January and February. Machinery and transportation equipment was responsible for the declines in January and February with less overtime worked at premium pay in the auto industry. The March increase in average weekly earnings resulted from a significant increase in weekly hours due to a longer scheduled workweek in the machinery and transportation equipment sector. PMSA average weekly earnings rose to $469.09 in March after declining in January and February.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE - During 1984, the value of new construction in Delaware increased by 3% compared to an 8% rise, nationally.

Substantial gains in housing contracts, from $180 million in 1983 to $220 million in 1984 (or 22%), were offset by a drop in non-building construction, such as roads and utilities. Non-building construction dropped 42% over the year from $162 million to $94 million, as compared to a drop of 5% nationally..... The Second National Building and Loan Inc. received approval to open a branch bank in Lewes. The firm has plans to open two more branches, one in Wilmington and one in Dover.....

Bankers Trust has filed an application to set up a state chartered bank under Delaware's Financial Center Development Act. If the application is approved, Bankers Trust (Delaware) will be the 16th out-of-state bank set up under the 1981 act. The legislation requires banks to have $25 million in capital and create 100 jobs in the first year of operation.....

The DuPont Co. announced that 11,500 employees, nearly 10 percent of its U.S. workforce, will leave by April 30th under an early retirement incentive program to reduce the staff. In Delaware, about 2,700 employees signed up for the retirement plan..... Atlantic Richfield Co. announced plans to abandon the retail gasoline market east of the Mississippi by selling 2,000 gas stations in 12 states, including Delaware and closing its refinery in Philadelphia. Arco is the largest gasoline distributor in Delaware with 30 retail outlets.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Delaware Park opened its 1985 season on April 27th. The Tally-Ho Restaurant-Lounge, at Concord Pike and Naamans Road, closed to make room for a new $2 million shopping center. The Jet Group Inc. is planning six or seven stores on the 3.2 acre site..... New Castle County saw a 42% increase in the construction of new homes, from 1,645 in 1983 to 2,329 in 1984, as well as a tripling in the construction of apartments, from 235 in 1983 to 836 in 1984.

Work has started on the expansion of the New Castle Corporate Commons Office Park off Basin Road. Construction has begun on the first of six Penn's Plaza office development buildings..... Family Dollar Stores, a discount retail chain, opened a new store in New Castle. The store specializes in selling low-cost merchandise for $16.99 or less..... The former Memorial Hospital in Wilmington was demolished to make way for $40 million condominium project..... The former Monteith School at Duncan Road and Brandywine Boulevard in Bellefont has been purchased by Verino Pettinaro, a developer-contractor.

Standard Chlorine, near Delaware City, plans on spending about a million dollars to build a small refinery to purify a speciality chemical used in pharmaceuticals and agricultural chemicals. The company also expects to break ground on a $3 million research laboratory in Delaware City..... The Wilmington City Zoning Board has approved plans for a 28-story office tower near Rodney Square. The proposed building, at the site of the former Continental American Insurance Co., would be the tallest in Wilmington. Developers for the $70 million Rodney Tower project are Rodney Square Associates L.P., whose general partner is T.J. Healey.

KENT COUNTY - The Defense Department has proposed $19.2 million for construction at the Dover Air Force Base in 1986. About $13.8 million will be used to expand the main runway allowing larger aircrafts to be accomodated. The remaining funds will be used for land acquisition and for other improvements on the base including new supply and equipment facilities..... Metal Masters Food Service Co. Inc., located off Saulsbury Road, plans on expanding its current employment of 250 by 175 over the next three years. The firm which manufactures food service equipment moved to the area from Baltimore, MD in 1978.

Housing activity in Kent County was up in 1984, increasing by 42 percent over the 1983 level. In 1984, 1,597 homes were started, as compared to 1,121 in 1983..... Construction has begun on the Greentree Village Shopping Center in northwest Dover. The center will open in early 1986 and contain 20 stores, including 32,000 square foot A&P Food Store and 10,000 square-foot Drug Fair..... A new medical building is now being constructed on the former site of the Dover Restaurant, 821 S. Governors Ave. The new building will be 2,200 square feet in size and is being built by W. Simpson Construction of Dover.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Delaware National Bank of Georgetown opened a fourth branch in Rehoboth Beach in February..... Sussex County had a decrease of 13% in housing construction from 2,053 in 1983 to 1,783 in 1984. Construction of apartments increased by 7%, from 459 in 1983 to 489 in 1984. There was an 11% drop in the construction of single-family homes, from 856 to 758..... Construction is proceeding at Indian Harbor Villas on Del. 1 north of Bethany Beach. Anchor Construction Co. is building the 32-unit townhouse complex.....

A low rent, 32-unit apartment complex is going to be built in Laurel, DE. The apartments will be rented to persons with incomes between $13,000 and $23,500. Rent will be 35 percent of the individual's income..... Construction is underway on the second phase of the Gull Point townhouse project on the Indian River off Sussex 312. The first phase consisted of 30 townhouses and the second phase will add another 17 units to be completed this fall.

SURROUNDING AREAS - Westinghouse Electric Corp. announced that it would phase out its Lester steam turbine plant at the loss of 1,200 jobs over the next two years. The plant employs about 150 Delaware residents..... Boeing Vertol Co. has begun a $50 million expansion of its plant in Ridley Township PA. The expansion, necessary to meet the needs of new military contracts, will increase employment from 5,200 to 6,000. The plant employs about 300 Delawareans..... Texaco Inc. has obtained approval to sell its Eagle Point Refinery, along the Delaware River in West Deptford, N.J. to Coastal Corp., a Houston-based oil company..... Wilmington Savings Fund Society signed an agreement to acquire the Maryland-based First National Bank of Northëast in a deal worth about $4.46 million..... Legislation has been passed to give Citicorp full banking privileges in Maryland. Citicorp plans on opening a credit card processing center

in Hagerstown, MD, investing $25 million in different facilities and offering 1,000 new jobs.

AUTO INDUSTRY - General Motors Corp. posted a 34% drop in first-quarter earnings, citing sharply higher model changeover and plant start-up costs. The No. 1 auto maker's profit fell to $1.07 billion from record profit of $1.61 billion in the 1984 first quarter. Sales rose 5.7% to $24.18 billion from $22.89 billion..... Chrysler Corp., newly burdened with federal income tax liabilities, reported a 28% drop in first-quarter net income, but its pre-tax operating profit, which the company considers the most accurate measure of its performance, rose 2.7%. In the latest quarter the auto maker earned $507.6 million compared to $705.8 million in the 1984 quarter. Chrysler started paying income taxes in the final quarter of 1984 after several years without a tax liability following heavy losses. U.S. retail car sales for the company, however, showed continued strength rising 24%, compared to the first quarter of 1984.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of reguiar UI benefits compensated during the first quarter of 1985 were with a benefit amount of $7,775,253 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment was $107 for the first quarter.

There was 6,507 claimants who received a first payment. This shows a substantial increase from the fourth quarter, owing to seasonality.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $455,771 for 3,929 weeks of compensation, all of which represented the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program.

Continued claim counts increased to 78,600 during the first quarter.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the numbers of job applicants available through the Division of Employment and Training as of March 31, 1985.

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	10,775	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	1,117	10.4
Clerical	1,986	18.4
Sales	465	4.3
Services	2,764	25.7
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	238	2.2
Processing	534	5.0
Machine Trades	526	4.9
Benchwork	349	3.2
Structural Trades	1,715	15.9
Transportation	496	4.6
Packaging, Material Handling	517	4.8
Miscellaneous and not assigned	68	0.6

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the new 24-hour hot-line number 1-800-231-5627.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE - 6)

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all items in the Philadelphia Area in January rose by 0.4 percent largely because of higher food and medical care costs. The February increase, of 0.9 percent, was attributed to sharply higher housing and food and beverage prices. In March the index rose by 0.4 percent. While price rises moderated for food and beverages and housing, above average increases for transportation, medical care, entertainment and apparel all exceeded the overall average. The index in March of 310.4 represented a gain of 4.6 percent during the past twelve months. Nationally, the March index was 318.8 for a monthly gain of 0.4 percent and a yearly rise of 3.7 percent.

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

The Delaware Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is a public service available to individuals when a disability (physical, mental or emotional problem) prevents them from getting or keeping a job. DVR can provide services to persons to overcome a vocational handicap and assist them to prepare for and find employment.

The agency, from October 1, 1984 through the end of March, 1985, has placed 64.2 persons into employment. DVR serves approximately 5,000 handicapped Delaware citizens each year. For further information about DVR, please call Bob Riale at 571-3915.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1985			1984			1985			1984		
	JAN	FEB	MAR 1/	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR 1/	JAN	FEB	MAR
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	282.1	282.1	284.6	265.5	266.8	270.6	247.3	247.2	249.1	233.5	235.1	238.5
Manufacturing	72.2	72.1	71.3	68.9	69.0	69.3	63.8	63.8	63.3	61.2	61.1	61.4
Durable Goods	20.4	20.5	20.4	19.3	19.2	19.4	20.4	20.4	20.3	19.0	18.9	18.9
Primary Metals	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	13.6	13.7	13.5	12.8	12.8	12.8	14.1	14.2	14.0	13.4	13.3	13.4
Other Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.3	2.3
Nondurable Goods	51.8	51.6	50.9	49.6	49.8	49.9	43.4	43.3	43.1	42.2	42.2	42.5
Food & Kindred Products	8.9	8.8	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Textile Mill Products	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Apparel	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Printing & Publishing	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	31.9	31.9	31.5	31.0	31.0	31.1	33.7	33.8	33.5	32.7	32.8	32.9
Rubber & Plastics	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.4
Other Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	209.9	209.9	213.3	196.7	197.8	201.3	183.5	183.4	185.8	172.3	173.9	177.0
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	15.6	14.9	15.7	14.0	14.2	15.4	17.2	16.7	17.1	14.9	15.4	16.4
Trans. & Public Utilities	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.2	12.2	12.0	12.1	12.1	12.2	11.8	11.8	11.7
Trade	63.0	62.3	62.8	57.9	57.3	58.1	51.6	50.7	51.1	48.9	48.4	49.0
Wholesale	11.2	11.2	11.2	10.7	10.7	10.8	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.3
Retail	51.8	51.1	51.6	47.2	46.6	47.3	42.3	41.5	41.9	39.7	39.2	39.8
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	18.2	18.2	18.4	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.4	16.6	16.7	15.0	15.0	15.2
Services	58.1	58.8	59.5	53.4	54.3	55.0	52.0	52.5	53.1	47.5	48.5	49.1
Government	42.6	43.3	44.5	42.8	43.4	44.1	34.0	34.7	35.5	34.0	34.7	35.4
Federal	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
State & Local	37.3	38.0	39.1	37.4	38.0	38.7	29.5	30.2	31.0	29.5	30.3	30.9
State	19.5	20.1	20.9	19.8	20.3	20.8	12.3	12.8	13.5	12.4	12.9	13.3
Local	17.8	17.9	18.2	17.6	17.7	17.9	17.2	17.5	17.5	17.1	17.4	17.6
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1

1/ Preliminary.

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1985

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JAN	FEB	MAR[1/]	JAN	FEB	MAR [1/]	JAN	FEB	MAR[1/]
MANUFACTURING	$ 416.75	$ 386.28	$ 410.31	41.8	39.7	42.3	$ 9.97	$ 9.73	$ 9.70
DURABLE GOODS	489.92	424.32	373.45	42.9	39.0	44.3	11.42	10.88	8.43
Primary Metals	393.33	400.19	387.61	41.1	41.6	41.5	9.57	9.62	9.34
Fabricated Metals	344.18	358.78	356.40	39.2	39.6	40.0	8.78	9.06	8.91
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	566.49	463.75	524.18	44.5	38.2	45.7	12.73	12.14	11.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	359.98	355.37	365.40	41.0	40.2	40.6	8.78	8.84	9.00
Food & Kindred Products	264.38	244.68	251.77	41.7	38.9	39.4	6.34	6.29	6.39
Textile Mill Products	325.97	312.18	304.96	44.9	43.0	41.1	7.26	7.26	7.42
Apparel	180.89	184.05	187.62	35.4	35.6	35.4	5.11	5.17	5.30
Printing & Publishing	297.23	317.37	312.21	33.7	35.7	35.6	8.82	8.89	8.77
Chemicals & Allied Products	505.10	509.92	520.33	41.3	41.9	42.2	12.23	12.17	12.33
Rubber & Plastic Products	425.65	419.08	428.67	44.2	44.3	44.7	9.63	9.46	9.59
1984									
MANUFACTURING	$ 373.93	$ 386.88	$ 400.95	40.6	41.6	42.7	$ 9.21	$ 9.30	$ 9.39
DURABLE GOODS	400.77	425.57	447.18	40.4	42.9	43.5	9.92	11.42	10.28
Primary Metals	385.48	389.00	373.30	42.5	42.1	40.4	9.07	9.24	9.24
Fabricated Metals	307.13	332.42	327.49	38.2	39.2	39.6	8.04	8.48	8.27
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	445.13	474.08	508.50	40.8	44.1	45.2	10.91	10.75	11.25
NONDURABLE GOODS	354.14	358.97	367.98	40.8	40.7	42.2	8.68	8.82	8.72
Food & Kindred Products	247.38	244.51	263.13	39.9	39.5	42.1	6.20	6.19	6.25
Textile Mill Products	324.55	289.26	344.31	46.9	41.5	49.9	6.92	6.97	6.90
Apparel	175.35	187.72	176.50	35.0	38.0	35.3	5.01	4.94	5.00
Printing & Publishing	302.96	314.87	312.25	33.7	34.3	34.2	8.99	9.18	9.13
Chemicals & Allied Products	485.72	505.82	490.05	41.8	41.7	41.6	11.62	12.13	11.78
Rubber & Plastic Products	406.79	422.26	423.52	45.3	46.3	45.2	8.98	9.12	9.37

Covers an average 35,500 production workers

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1985

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	JAN	FEB	MAR[1/]	JAN	FEB	MAR[1/]	JAN	FEB	MAR[1/]
MANUFACTURING	$485.18	$ 444.24	$ 469.09	42.3	39.7	42.8	$ 11.47	$ 11.19	$ 10.96
DURABLE GOODS	496.08	430.85	470.24	42.4	38.4	43.5	11.70	11.22	10.81
Primary Metals	394.15	401.02	388.44	41.1	41.6	41.5	9.59	9.64	9.36
Fabricated Metals	304.62	317.75	308.83	37.7	38.1	37.8	8.08	8.34	8.17
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	538.75	447.00	507.82	43.1	37.5	44.9	12.50	11.92	11.31
NONDURABLE GOODS	469.42	464.26	468.86	42.1	41.6	41.9	11.15	11.16	11.19
Food & Kindred Products	269.45	287.41	280.42	42.3	41.0	44.3	6.37	7.01	6.33
Textile Mill Products	325.78	310.59	302.32	45.5	43.5	41.3	7.16	7.14	7.32
Apparel	223.30	226.79	231.39	35.0	33.9	34.9	6.38	6.69	6.63
Printing & Publishing	349.81	366.23	360.37	34.6	35.8	35.4	10.11	10.23	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Products	599.87	597.11	604.22	43.5	43.3	43.5	13.79	13.79	13.89
Rubber & Plastic Products	398.98	384.85	388.25	43.7	43.0	42.9	9.13	8.95	9.05
1984									
MANUFACTURING	$429.72	$443.65	$ 469.73	41.2	42.7	43.9	$ 10.43	$ 10.39	$ 10.70
DURABLE GOODS	417.59	436.88	462.61	40.9	43.0	44.1	10.21	10.16	10.49
Primary Metals	399.02	401.82	384.71	43.8	43.3	41.5	9.11	9.28	9.27
Fabricated Metals	296.84	317.41	306.01	36.2	36.4	36.3	8.20	8.72	8.43
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	438.84	463.38	499.68	41.4	44.3	45.8	10.60	10.46	10.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	444.47	452.83	480.05	41.5	42.4	43.8	10.71	10.68	10.96
Food & Kindred Products	195.94	219.22	189.07	33.9	38.8	37.0	5.78	5.65	5.11
Textile Mill Products	332.32	293.86	352.95	49.6	43.6	52.6	6.70	6.74	6.71
Apparel	218.24	234.12	243.33	35.2	37.4	38.2	6.20	6.26	6.37
Printing & Publishing	356.53	375.73	366.12	35.3	36.8	36.0	10.10	10.21	10.17
Chemicals & Allied Products	554.20	549.90	602.11	42.5	42.3	44.9	13.04	13.00	13.41
Rubber & Plastic Products	360.32	378.90	388.12	43.4	45.0	45.5	8.30	8.42	8.53

Covers an average 27,300 production workers

NOTE: Not comparable with previously-published data due to benchmark revision.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
STATE TOTALS 1/	26,360	26,318	23,802	2,643,682	2,709,130	2,422,441	107	108	107
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	13,928	14,334	12,828	1,467,802	1,527,678	1,379,419	111	111	112
Wilmington L.O.	8,466	8,655	7,522	875,550	904,562	792,627	110	109	109
Newark L.O.	5,462	5,679	5,306	592,252	623,116	586,792	114	115	116
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	4,769	4,860	4,550	450,496	463,352	400,395	99	99	95
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	4,105	3,802	3,085	318,479	330,306	267,185	88	93	93

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
STATE TOTALS 1/	3,166	2,187	1,154	1,239	1,231	1,459	138,000	141,835	175,936
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	1,645	1,184	633	781	795	896	88,714	93,128	111,915
Wilmington L.O.	986	690	375	534	555	605	60,278	65,589	76,250
Newark L.O.	659	494	258	247	240	291	28,436	27,539	35,665
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	645	463	261	207	204	237	21,329	20,718	23,549
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	513	280	122	83	69	71	8,215	8,001	7,929

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

	1985			1984		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	6,000	6,600	5,400	7,000	7,100	6,000
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	6,000	6,600	5,400	7,000	7,100	6,000
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	28,400	26,800	23,400	32,000	30,100	26,600
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Less Auto Industry	28,400	26,800	23,400	32,000	30,100	26,600

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1985			1984		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
All Items	306.3	309.2	310.4	294.4	296.4	296.7
Food & Beverages	300.7	304.5	305.6	296.0	289.9	299.3
Housing	317.1	320.8	321.0	301.9	305.3	305.7
Apparel & Upkeep	180.1	181.3	182.8	180.8	179.3	179.4
Transportation	325.9	328.1	330.3	314.9	314.6	315.6
Medical	433.2	434.2	438.1	388.5	391.9	391.5
Entertainment	241.3	241.6	243.9	235.1	237.8	236.4
Other Goods & Services	333.9	336.7	337.2	315.1	314.6	314.4
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.7	0.1
Yearly	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.4	5.1	4.8
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	316.1	317.4	318.8	305.2	306.6	307.3
Mo. Change (%)	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.2
Yr. Change (%)	3.6	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.6	4.7

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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-HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware second quarter unemployment situation continues to improve as indicated by unemployment rates well below the national average.
- Production workers in Delaware's manufacturing sector earn an average of $395.09 per week.
- Delaware new housing production during the quarter is 18 percent higher than the same period last year.
- ICI America plans $40 million expansion at headquarters on Concord Pike.
- A major office building will be erected at 13th and Market Streets in Wilmington.
- Weatherhill Farms, a community of 140 townhouses will be built on Limestone Road near Goldey Beacom College.
- Construction has begun on Woodmill, a housing development in West Dover.
- A $10 million modernization plan by Beebe Hospital is approved by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.
- Perdue Inc. is completing a research facility in Ellendale.
- General Motors Corp. will close its Delaware assembly plant for six months in 1986 for model changeover.
- Consumer prices in the Phildelphia area have risen 4.7 percent during the last 12 months.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		APR	MAY	JUNE 1/	APR	MAY	JUNE 1/	APR	MAY	JUNE 1/	APR	MAY	JUNE 1/
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1985	311.3	309.4	308.5	293.9	293.3	292.8	17.5	16.1	15.6	5.6	5.2	5.1
	1984	306.5	306.8	309.2	287.3	289.0	287.4	19.2	17.9	21.8	6.3	5.8	7.1
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1985	309.2	311.1	315.8	292.7	296.5	299.0	16.5	14.5	16.8	5.3	4.7	5.3
	1984	303.9	307.8	316.9	285.6	291.3	294.0	18.3	16.6	22.9	6.0	5.4	7.2
WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED	1985	273.1	273.0	273.9	258.0	260.0	258.8	15.2	13.0	15.1	5.5	4.8	5.5
	1984	271.1	271.4	275.2	254.1	256.3	253.7	16.9	15.0	21.5	6.3	5.5	7.8
UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	115371.0	115373.0	114783.0	106945.0	106960.0	106370.0	8426.0	8413.0	8413.0	7.3	7.3	7.3
	1984	113202.0	113722.0	113619.0	104402.0	105162.0	105391.0	8800.0	8560.0	8228.0	7.8	7.5	7.2
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	3843.0	3801.0	3847.0	3606.0	3621.0	3639.0	237.0	180.0	208.0	6.2	4.7	5.4
	1984	3916.0	3874.0	3800.0	3651.0	3642.0	3603.0	265.0	232.0	197.0	6.8	6.0	5.2
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	8193.0	8184.0	8216.0	7625.0	7585.0	7690.0	568.0	599.0	526.0	6.9	7.3	6.4
	1984	8008.0	8041.0	7993.0	7463.0	7489.0	7433.0	545.0	552.0	560.0	6.8	6.9	7.0
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ. 2/	1985	5575.0	5560.0	5624.0	5114.0	5068.0	5128.0	461.0	492.0	496.0	8.3	8.8	8.8
	1984	5436.0	5489.0	5584.0	4935.0	4985.0	5086.0	501.0	504.0	498.0	9.2	9.2	8.9
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1985	2244.0	2255.0	2290.0	2137.0	2157.0	2188.0	106.8	98.8	102.1	4.8	4.4	4.5
	1984	2223.0	2240.0	2279.0	2101.0	2124.0	2157.0	121.8	116.7	122.3	5.5	5.2	5.4

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LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE - 1)

Delaware's second-quarter unemployment rates were well below year-ago figures. The seasonally adjusted rate was 5.6 percent in April, and declined to 5.2 and 5.1 percent in May and June, respectively. The non-seasonally adjusted rates reached a record-low at 5.3 percent in April, 4.7 percent in May, and 5.3 percent in June. The average number of persons in Delaware's civilian labor force was 309,700 during the second quarter.

Nationally, the unemployment rates remained unchanged throughout the quarter at 7.3 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE - 2)

Total state nongricultural wage and salary employment rose throughout the quarter reaching 293,700 in June. The nonmanufacturing sector was responsible for the increases, with seasonal and general business gains throughout the quarter in contract construction, retail trade, finance, insurance and real estate and services. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was again substantially higher each month over the comparable year-ago quarter. As with last quarter, retail trade, finance, insurance and real estate and services were the sectors primarily responsible for the yearly growth. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Wilmington PMSA, following the same quarterly movement as the state, posted significant over-the-year gains each month of the quarter.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE - 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware, after reaching a new high of $425.12 in May, declined to $395.09 in June. Machinery and transportation equipment was responsible for the monthly movements, with significant changes in the amount of overtime worked at premium pay in the auto industry. Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings rose to $496.05 in May before declining to $461.04 in June.

MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE - Julian J. DiFiore, president of Super Fresh Food Markets Inc., said the chain is looking at several sites for additional markets in Delaware. The chain, which has six supermarkets and 800 people in New Castle County, may expand into Kent and Sussex Counties..... Atlantic Richfield Co., which is disposing of its retail outlets east of the Mississippi River, has agreed to sell more than 400 gas stations in nine states to Shell Oil Co. Over 30 Delaware units will be included in the plan..... Following a sluggish first quarter, Delaware's new housing production improved during the second quarter with an 18 percent increase over the same period in 1984. Responsible for the gain was a 42 percent rise in construction of single-family homes to 971 units from 686 during the second quarter of last year.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - The Board of Director's of ICI Americas Inc. approved a $40 million expansion project at the Company's headquarters on Concord Pike north of Wilmington. Plans call for completion late next year for a 60,000 square-foot addition of laboratory space and an additional 180,000 feet of office space. There will also be a new cafeteria and parking garage..... The Chicago-based firm of LaSalle Partners Inc. is planning to erect a major office building 20 to 25 stories tall and at least 400,000 square feet in size. The structure will be located at 13th and Market Streets in Wilmington.

Construction has begun on two housing communities in suburban Wilmington. A division of Vari Builders Inc., 706 Development Corp., has started work on Princeton Estates, a community of 29 townhouses on Carpenter and Naamans Roads. Baldini Inc. has broken ground on homes in the Village of Manley in Hockessin. The 65 acre site off Millcreek Road will have 72 semi-custom homes..... Emory Hill McConnell Associates Inc. has completed its third office building and begun work on a fourth in the White Clay Center on Delaware 273 in Newark..... Commonwealth Management Corp. has contracted to buy 20.7 acres in New Castle Corporate Commons off Basin Road. The Newark development company will build a $20 million office project consisting of eight buildings totaling 240,200 square feet.

J. P. Marta, owner of M&M builders of Newark, is building 32 townhouses and 27 single-family homes in his Coach Hill community. The housing development is on Old Coach Road off Polly Drummond Hill Road in Pike Creek Valley. Barclays American Corp has received the Federal Reserve Board's approval to establish a national bank in Wilmington. The bank will be in Foulkstone Plaza, on Foulk Road across from Brandywine High School. Barclays is being established under Delaware's 1981 Financial Center Development Act which has already attracted 15 out-of-state firms..... Bankers Trust (Delaware) has leased 32,445 square feet in Jefferson Plaza at 1001 Jefferson Street in Wilmington for its new headquarters. The bank will open this fall and provide wholesale banking services to firms throughout the county.

College Square shopping center in Newark will double in size by mid-1986 when a 190,000 square-foot addition is completed. Bradlees Department Store has been secured as the anchor store for the addition..... Weatherhill Farms, a community of 140 townhouses, will be built on 30 acres on Limestone Road north of Goldey Beacom College. The homes will be manufactured in separate first and second floor packages by Nanticoke Homes Inc. of Greenwood..... Benjamin F. Shaw Co., a Wilmington pipe-fabricating company that has been in the city for more than 90 years, will move its headquarters to Laurens, South Carolina by the end of the year. The 60 employees in Wilmington will offered transfers.

KENT COUNTY - The Wilmington-based accounting firm of Simon, Master and Sidlow, has expanded to serve Kent and Sussex Counties. The firm opened a second full-service office at 308 South State Street in Dover..... Delma Log Homes, the first dealer of pre-assembled log homes in Delaware, has opened on Kent 396, north of Milford. Construction has begun on Woodmill, a development on Delaware 8 across from Bicentennial Village. The developer, Frank Robino Associates, is planning 75 single-family, three bedroom homes..... First State Crane Service Inc. has been awarded a $600,000 industrial revenue bond from the state to build an office maintenance shop on U.S. 13 and Kent 286..... A proposed apartment complex to be constructed on Dover-Kenton Road in West Dover, has received approval for $3.2 million worth of Industrial Revenue Bonds. Construction of the 100-unit complex is expected to begin in September.

SUSSEX COUNTY - The Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of a 281-home addition to Pot Nets East, mobile-home community in Long Neck. Long Neck is northeast of Millsboro on Indian River Bay..... A $10 million modernization proposal by Beebe Hospital was approved by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. The hospital plans to modernize part of its main facility and create three primary health care facilities in other areas of Sussex County..... Perdue Inc. the nation's fourth largest poultry processor, is completing a research facility in Ellendale. The $750,000 facility will be fully operational by the end of October..... Construction has begun on the second phase of King's Grant, a luxury townhouse development located on Delaware 1 near Bethany Beach. By May 1986, the development should be completed with a total of 75 townhouses..... Sussex County announced plans for a low-interest mortgage program that will enable about 500 families to purchase their first homes. Joseph T. Conaway, administrator for Sussex County, said that $22 million in mortgage bonds will be available from 14 banks and savings and loan institutions.

SURROUNDING AREAS - Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Co. of Chester, Pa., has been awarded Navy contracts totaling $222 million to build two fleet oilers. The work will take about three years and increase

employment at the shipyard from its current level of 1,200 to about 2,000 persons..... The North East Plaza shopping center in North East, Maryland will be enlarged by 22,000 square feet, about six to seven new tenants will be accomodated..... Grummon Corp. will open an electric cable manufacturing plant in Salisbury, Maryland this year with 300 employees and could eventually have 1,000 workers. The firm is spending $2 million to purchase a 106,000 square foot plant that recently was vacated by a shirt manufacturer.

AUTO INDUSTRY - General Motors Corp. will close its Delaware assembly plant for six months in early 1986 and reopen it as one of the most advanced auto plants in the country, according to GM officials. The large Chevrolets and Oldsmobiles produced at the plant will be replaced by the new Chevrolet "L" car..... Domestic car sales fell sharply in late June to a rate 11.8 percent below that of a year ago. The drop caused sales for all of June to settle at 3.2 percent below the year-ago rate..... General Motors plans to use a DuPont Co. product, Bexloy, to make plastic bodies on its next generation of Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird sporty cars. The change will occur in the 1989 model year..... General Motors Corp. profit totaled $1.6 billion in the second quarter, a decline of 28 percent from earnings in the same period last year.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the second quarter of 1985 were with a benefit amount of $4,734,498 paid out.

The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment was $107 for the second quarter.

There were 2,748 claimants who received a first payment, indicating a substantial decrease from the previous quarter.

Extended benefit payments for the quarter amounted to $153,380 for 1,286 weeks of compensation, all of which represent the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) Program.

Continued Claim counts decreased to 44,500 during the second quarter.

DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The following list, by broad occupational category, indicates the number of job applicants available through the Division of Employment and Training as of June, 1985.

Occupational Group	Active Applicants	Percent of Total
Total Applicants	8,088	100.0
Professional, Tech. & Managerial	937	11.6
Clerical	1,424	17.6
Sales	339	4.2
Services	1,603	19.8
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	158	2.0
Processing	396	4.9
Machine Trades	465	5.7
Benchwork	259	3.2
Structural Trades	1,553	19.2
Transportation	449	5.6
Packaging, Material Handling	429	5.3
Miscellaneous and not assigned	76	0.9

Employers with job openings are urged to utilize this labor source and contact the Division of Employment and Training at the new 24-hour hot-line number 1-800-231-5627.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE-6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all items rose by 0.6 in April despite a moderation in food prices as housing and transportation rose sharply. In May the index again increased by 0.6 percent from higher housing and transporation charges. In June the index remained unchanged from May due to lower food, apparel and entertainment prices. The index in June of 314.2 represented a gain of 4.7 percent during the past twelve months. Nationally, the June index was 322.3 for a monthly gain of 0.3 percent and a yearly increase of 3.7 percent.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE

Costs and Characteristics of Injuries and Illnesses in Delaware

Mathias J. Fallis, Secretary of the Delaware Department of Labor, has released the results of a 1984 study covering the factors associated with work-related accidents and exposures. The data which was obtained from accident forms submitted by the employer to the Industrial Accident Board, indicate that $8.3 million was paid to disabled workers for the 3,453 cases closed and tabulated in calendar year 1984.

Further results from the study were: over 28% of the cases occurred during the employee's first year of service with the employer; nearly 25% of the cases involved persons in the manufacturing sector, approximately one out of every four injuries involved the back; more than 27% of the injured workers were female, nearly 47% of the injuries were strains or sprains.

This study was prepared by the Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) section of the Delaware Department of Labor's Division of Industrial Affairs. Additional information may be obtained from the unit supervisor, Mrs. Alice S. Rhodes, at (302) 571-2889.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	DELAWARE						WILMINGTON SMSA					
	1985			1984			1985			1984		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE 1/	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Total NonAg. Wage & Salary	288.0	290.9	293.7	277.1	281.1	282.8	251.3	253.6	254.2	245.7	247.8	246.4
Manufacturing	70.5	69.3	70.0	69.4	69.8	68.5	62.3	61.4	61.8	62.4	62.5	60.5
Durable Goods	20.2	20.3	20.6	19.6	19.6	16.7	19.9	20.2	20.4	19.9	19.9	17.0
Primary Metals	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Mach. & Trans. Equipment	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.0	13.0	9.9	13.6	13.9	14.1	13.6	13.6	10.6
Other Durable Goods	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
Nondurable Goods	50.2	49.0	49.4	49.8	50.3	51.8	42.4	41.2	41.4	42.5	42.6	43.6
Food & Kindred Products	8.3	8.7	8.9	7.9	8.2	9.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Textile Mill Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Apparel	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	30.9	29.5	29.6	31.3	31.4	32.0	32.7	31.6	31.7	33.0	33.1	33.9
Rubber & Plastics	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.6
Other Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Nonmanufacturing	217.5	221.6	223.7	207.7	211.2	214.3	189.0	192.2	192.4	183.2	185.3	185.9
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Construction	16.8	17.7	17.8	16.9	17.6	18.0	18.2	19.1	18.9	18.6	19.3	19.5
Trans. & Public Utilities	12.4	12.3	12.4	12.0	12.3	12.2	12.1	11.9	12.0	11.8	11.9	12.1
Trade	64.8	66.4	67.7	60.4	62.0	64.2	52.1	52.9	53.1	50.3	50.9	51.4
Wholesale	11.2	11.3	11.3	10.8	10.9	11.1	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.5
Retail	53.6	55.1	56.4	49.6	51.2	53.1	42.8	43.6	43.7	41.1	41.6	41.9
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	18.6	18.9	19.3	16.7	16.9	17.5	17.0	17.1	17.5	15.4	15.6	16.0
Services	60.2	61.4	62.7	57.3	58.2	59.4	53.8	55.1	56.2	51.4	52.1	52.8
Government	44.6	44.8	43.6	44.2	44.1	42.9	35.7	35.8	34.5	35.5	35.3	33.9
Federal	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.6	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
State & Local	39.2	39.5	38.2	38.7	38.6	37.2	31.3	31.4	29.9	31.1	31.0	29.4
State	20.9	20.9	19.3	20.9	20.8	19.3	13.5	13.5	11.8	13.4	13.3	11.7
Local	18.4	18.6	18.9	17.9	17.7	17.9	17.8	17.9	18.2	17.7	17.6	17.7
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1985

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
MANUFACTURING	$406.23	$425.12	$395.09	41.2	42.3	40.9	$ 9.86	$ 10.05	$ 9.66
DURABLE GOODS	460.70	492.86	433.90	42.5	43.5	40.4	10.84	11.33	10.74
Primary Metals	404.81	390.52	393.44	42.3	41.5	41.9	9.57	9.41	9.39
Fabricated Metals	335.66	350.36	341.82	38.1	38.0	39.2	8.81	9.22	8.72
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	516.57	564.48	480.40	43.3	44.8	40.1	11.93	12.60	11.98
NONDURABLE GOODS	362.50	371.36	363.80	40.1	41.4	41.2	9.04	8.97	8.83
Food & Kindred Products	242.44	259.53	269.45	38.0	40.3	42.3	6.38	6.44	6.37
Textile Mill Products	292.79	307.16	336.25	39.3	40.9	45.5	7.45	7.51	7.39
Apparel	199.34	197.65	204.61	37.4	36.2	37.0	5.33	5.46	5.53
Printing & Publishing	318.28	317.85	303.83	36.5	34.7	34.1	8.72	9.16	8.91
Chemicals & Allied Products	521.48	530.93	526.54	42.5	43.2	42.6	12.27	12.29	12.36
Rubber & Plastic Products	411.41	418.28	419.90	42.9	43.3	43.2	9.59	9.66	9.72
1984									
MANUFACTURING	$399.59	$390.69	$380.94	42.6	42.1	42.0	$ 9.38	$ 9.28	$ 9.07
DURABLE GOODS	444.21	432.83	382.78	44.2	43.5	38.9	10.05	9.95	9.84
Primary Metals	386.69	385.58	380.94	42.4	42.7	42.0	9.12	9.03	9.07
Fabricated Metals	321.58	312.05	306.54	39.8	39.6	39.1	8.08	7.88	7.84
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	502.24	486.14	428.26	45.7	44.6	37.6	10.99	10.90	11.39
NONDURABLE GOODS	366.86	359.21	379.31	41.5	41.1	43.8	8.84	8.74	8.66
Food & Kindred Products	259.53	257.09	306.40	41.0	41.2	47.8	6.33	6.24	6.41
Textile Mill Products	333.54	329.28	320.62	48.2	48.0	46.4	6.92	6.86	6.91
Apparel	190.32	186.52	197.49	39.0	38.3	38.2	4.88	4.87	5.17
Printing & Publishing	313.77	315.20	317.36	35.9	35.1	35.9	8.74	8.98	8.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	499.51	497.84	498.12	41.8	41.8	42.0	11.95	11.91	11.86
Rubber & Plastic Products	425.92	412.53	405.14	45.7	43.7	43.1	9.32	9.44	9.40

Covers an average 35,000 production workers

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1985

	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings		
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
MANUFACTURING	$471.44	$496.05	$461.04	41.5	42.8	40.8	$11.36	$11.59	$11.30
DURABLE GOODS	470.08	498.62	442.96	41.6	42.8	39.2	11.30	11.65	11.30
Primary Metals	405.66	391.35	394.28	42.3	41.5	41.9	9.59	9.43	9.41
Fabricated Metals	302.19	318.06	314.93	37.4	37.2	38.5	8.08	8.55	8.18
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	508.56	548.34	465.63	42.7	44.4	38.9	11.91	12.35	11.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	474.03	493.35	488.16	41.4	42.9	43.2	11.45	11.50	11.30
Food & Kindred Products	260.21	241.56	245.85	41.7	39.6	38.9	6.24	6.10	6.32
Textile Mill Products	289.93	303.07	333.15	39.5	40.9	45.7	7.34	7.41	7.29
Apparel	238.02	238.39	259.81	34.9	34.7	36.8	6.82	6.87	7.06
Printing & Publishing	370.48	362.34	358.11	36.5	33.0	34.6	10.15	10.98	10.35
Chemicals & Allied Products	633.04	672.60	675.18	43.9	47.5	48.4	14.42	14.16	13.95
Rubber & Plastic Products	369.00	387.66	382.95	41.0	42.0	41.4	9.00	9.23	9.25
1984									
MANUFACTURING	$ 471.24	$ 460.28	$ 430.27	44.0	43.3	40.9	$10.71	$10.63	$10.52
DURABLE GOODS	457.62	446.03	390.00	44.3	43.6	39.0	10.33	10.23	10.00
Primary Metals	397.11	387.34	382.69	43.4	42.8	42.1	9.15	9.05	9.09
Fabricated Metals	312.48	288.04	291.82	38.2	38.0	38.6	8.18	7.58	7.56
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	493.42	479.12	422.83	46.2	45.2	38.3	10.68	10.60	11.04
NONDURABLE GOODS	489.88	480.05	475.15	43.7	42.9	43.0	11.21	11.19	11.05
Food & Kindred Products	219.46	223.30	240.35	38.3	38.5	40.6	5.73	5.80	5.92
Textile Mill Products	339.70	334.50	325.83	50.4	50.0	48.2	6.74	6.69	6.76
Apparel	236.43	225.90	251.54	35.5	34.7	37.1	6.66	6.51	6.78
Printing & Publishing	358.56	363.17	363.22	36.7	36.1	36.8	9.77	10.06	9.87
Chemicals & Allied Products	620.14	622.43	647.77	45.2	45.4	47.7	13.72	13.71	13.58
Rubber & Plastic Products	389.53	369.70	321.27	45.4	42.3	37.4	8.58	8.74	8.59

Covers an average 27,100 production workers

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)			AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
STATE TOTALS 1/	18,996	15,936	12,156	1,877,351	1,628,505	1,228,642	105	109	106
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	10,213	8,790	6,846	1,080,148	963,227	712,195	111	116	110
Wilmington L.O.	5,961	5,280	4,139	614,523	566,930	424,509	108	112	107
Newark L.O.	4,252	3,510	2,707	465,625	396,297	287,686	116	121	113
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	3,823	2,901	2,200	329,567	238,053	183,860	90	87	89
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	2,623	2,239	1,683	212,809	201,318	170,823	92	101	104

AREA AND OFFICE	NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS			U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM					
				WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (000's)		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
STATE TOTALS 1/	957	969	822	958	316	12	115,240	37,167	973
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	491	528	418	569	197	8	72,048	23,916	805
Wilmington L.O.	274	351	265	385	133	7	48,405	15,933	767
Newark L.O.	217	177	153	184	64	1	23,643	7,983	38
KENT COUNTY/									
Dover L.O.	211	135	145	168	53	3	16,893	5,464	78
SUSSEX COUNTY/									
Georgetown L.O.	165	179	200	55	12	1	5,848	1,296	90

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* INDICATES STATE INDICATOR OF AN EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD IS "OFF"
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

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	1985			1984		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL COUNT	4,500	3,400	3,100	5,000	4,000	7,000
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	0	0	3,100
Total Less Auto Industry	4,500	3,400	3,100	5,000	4,000	3,900
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL COUNT	19,600	12,400	12,500	20,500	21,600	28,400
Number of Auto Industry	0	0	0	0	2,800	12,600
Total Less Auto Industry	19,600	12,400	12,500	20,500	18,800	15,800

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

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EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1985			1984		
	APR	MAY	JUNE	APR	MAY	JUNE
All Items	312.4	314.2	314.2	298.2	298.7	300.0
Food & Beverages	305.5	305.7	304.7	297.9	297.7	298.4
Housing	323.6	327.9	328.8	307.3	309.4	311.9
Apparel & Upkeep	186.8	185.1	181.2	181.7	179.0	176.5
Transportation	333.0	334.5	336.1	318.0	318.8	319.8
Medical	439.0	440.2	443.3	395.1	394.9	396.2
Entertainment	244.4	245.7	243.0	240.5	239.9	241.0
Other Goods & Services	340.1	338.9	339.0	317.2	316.0	317.4
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
All Items:						
Monthly	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.4
Yearly	4.8	5.2	4.7	5.2	5.1	4.9
	UNITED STATES					
All Items:						
Index	320.1	321.3	322.3	308.8	309.7	310.7
Mo. Change (%)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3
Yr. Change (%)	3.7	3/7	3.7	4.5	4.2	4.2

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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